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Letters to the Editor

National Security Agency

Your cover story on the National Security Agency-[June 26] was well written and informative. Despite this, I would rather that it had not been published. Exposure of the actions of the FBI and CIA led to a curtailment of their intelligence-gathering capabilities. I hope your article does not result in a cry for similar restrictions on the operations of the NSA.

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Washington Whispers.

Friends say CIA Director Stansfield Turner is still simmering over the way the White House handled the charges of Cubar complicity in the invasion of Zaire. To refute denials from Fidel Castro, presidential aides tried to pressure the CIA to release more and more intelligence indicating Cuban involvement—even at the risk of revealing secret intelligence methods and sources that would compromise the agency.

Kremlinologists are speculating that high awards recently handed out to three prominent Soviet surgeons offer clues to what ails Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. One of the specialists is a heart expert, another a kidney expert, the third a urologist.